

NEWS RELEASE

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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SCHEDULES HEARING

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a briefing session conducted by staff members of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among the items to be presented during the briefing session are a request to proceed with non-substantive rulemaking for Oil and Gas Conservation Program Rules, an enforcement update for the Oil and Gas Program, and an update on recent legislative activity. The board will also hear updates on recently released bonds at Barrick Mercur and Diamond K mines and the completion of an abandoned mine reclamation project at Circle Cliffs.

The board will also conduct a working luncheon in Room 1010 to discuss a proposed program for an upcoming legal training session. The meeting is open to the public however no lunch will be provided to those attending.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2005-008, Cause No. 107-06 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of CRESCENDO Energy, LLC for an Order Modifying, in Part, the Spacing Order in Cause No. 107-1 to Downspace the Existing 320-Acre Spacing to Two 160-Acre Spacing Units Within the E½ of Section 11 and to Provide for the Drilling of an Additional Well to Achieve a Well Density Equivalent to 160-Acre Well Spacing for the Development of the Existing Communitized Area in the W½ of Section 11, for the Production of Gas from the Dakota and Morrison Formations within the San Arroyo Field Area, Comprising All of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah.

*This matter was continued from April and is a routine spacing matter.*

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2. Docket No. 2005-009, Cause No. 228-08 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of NEWFIELD Production Company for Approval of Unit Operations and Enhanced and Secondary Recovery Operations in the Green River Formation in Sections 31-33, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, Sections 1 and 10-15, Township 9 South, Range 17 East, and Sections 4-9 and 16-18, Township 9 South, Range 18 East, S.L.M., Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah, for Authority for Underground Injection of Water, and Certification as an Enhanced Recovery Project for Purposes of Section 59-5-102(4) of the Utah Code Annotated.

*This matter will be heard before a hearing examiner on May 19, 2005. The board will hear recommended findings of fact and conclusions.*

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